4/11/70

Dear Ed,

Grateful for the copy of the Skolnick suit, which arrived this a.m. I've been reading it in snatches as I found the time and have completed it.

If, perchance, you may have considered my comments unduly harsh, I now assure you they were kind, incredible as this may seem.

A little more is stolen than I'd expected.

It is ever so much worse law, of unriveled incompetence and probably complete legal error

In other areas what it presents as fact is opposite reality. Example, the allegation the government said it could find no order for the rifle. They have it in the middle of an unspliced roll of microfilm.

This legal researcher cannot even have read the law under which he is suing, for he cannot be so completely without comprehension. He cannot have read and understood the Report or, as he tried to tell me, my earlier books, for which he professed such great respect (though I have reason to believe he lifted something from the second, but that could have been given him).

I cannot but wonder is this guy this very, very sick? Can any rational man be so totally irresponsible? Can he have the slightest concept of what he will be doing to his own reputation if he permits even the possibility of a government response, without trial (the case has to be tossed out)? Can he be so unconcerned about the enormous, incalculable potential for ruin to so much of the blooded work of so many selfless people, or about the consequences for the country?

It really is so much worse than I'd anticipated I cannot begin to make it comprehensible to you except by a large writing for which neither of us has the time. However, precisely because this is so very bad, I cannot but wonder about the possibility, no matter how remote, that this man who is calling almost everyone else some kind of agent (and CIA, FBI and Secret Service have all come back to me as he has charged this against others), himself serves other interests. Is it, in your opinion, within possibility? If it is, I shall have to move faster, before there is the possibility of federal response to the suit, and I shall have to take time to figure out how, which will not be easy without a cent and without a local lawyer. All of this makes even more important any scrap, no matter how seemingly minor to you, that you can send, including what part of the PBV broadcast you have on tape. Can you please, ask Albright and any others if they have tapes or known anyone who has? I can use it at any speed except 15/16 or in casette.

Aside from the inconsistency of "Mayor Daley's Station", WCGI, backing this and being part of it, I am troubled that their staff didn't do the slightest checking. He swing them with my FBI reports and what Bolden said, which can't survive in any cour

In addition, there also is nothing new in this save his bad dreams. He has to be some kind of sick. Or worse.

But many, many thanks.

In haste,